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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER;
BENHIMA OPTIMISTIC ABOUT US-MOROCCAN RELATIONS AND HOPEFUL
OF NEW US INITIATIVE IN MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM

1. DURING MY FAREWELL CALL UPON HIM SEPTEMBER 24, FONMIN
BENHIMA SAID FOLLOWING:

A. HE THOUGHT US-MOROCCAN RELATIONS WERE IN AN UPWARD
CURVE.

B. MOROCCO COUNTED HEAVILY ON US HELP FOR NEW FIVE-YEAR
PLAN, WHETHER IN FORM OFFICIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OR PRIVATE
INVESTMENT.

C. KING WOULD BE VERY HAPPY IF PRESIDENT COULD COME
TO MOROCCO DURING HIS EUROPEAN TOUR, EVEN IF ONLY FOR A
LUNCHEON STOP.

D. KING WOULD ALSO BE VERY HAPPY MEET WITH SECRETARY IF
LATTER COULD FIND OPPORTUNITY TO COME HERE.

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E. ARAB WORLD HOPING FOR NEW US MIDDLE EAST INITIATIVE

IN WHICH US WOULD BE MORE "NEUTRAL;" HE THOUGHT THERE WAS
NEW CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING ME PROBLEM.

F. COMPLIMENTED ME WARMLY FOR MY EFFORTS ON BEHALF US-
MOROCCAN RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY DURING "DIFFICULT MOMENTS"
WHICH HAVE OCCURRED DURING MY ASSIGNMENT HERE.
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